

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2276

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Section 9719.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to long-term health care, and making an appropriation therefor.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2276, as amended, Campos. Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman: funding.

*Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the California Department of Aging. Existing law requires the department to allocate all federal and state funds for local ombudsman programs according to a specified schedule.*

Existing law establishes the State Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account into which moneys derived from civil penalties for violations of state law are deposited. Moneys in this account may be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the protection of health or property of residents of long-term health care facilities, as specified, and the costs associated with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

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~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that restores funding to the office with moneys from the account.~~

*This bill would appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000 for the 2011–12 fiscal year and \$1,600,000 for 2012–13 fiscal year from the State Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account to the department for use in funding local ombudsman programs, as specified.*

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. The sum of one million six hundred thousand*  
 2     *dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 2011–12 fiscal year and one million*  
 3     *six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 2012–13 fiscal*  
 4     *year is hereby appropriated from the State Health Facilities*  
 5     *Citation Penalties Account to the California Department of Aging*  
 6     *for use in funding local ombudsman programs pursuant to the*  
 7     *distribution schedule in Section 9719.5 of the Welfare and*  
 8     *Institutions Code.*

9     ~~SECTION 1. Section 9719.6 is added to the Welfare and~~  
 10    ~~Institutions Code, to read:~~

11     ~~9719.6. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation~~  
 12     ~~that restores funding to the Office of the State Long-Term Care~~  
 13     ~~Ombudsman with moneys from the State Health Facilities Citation~~  
 14     ~~Penalties Account.~~